Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar.—Any member must include him also.

President.—What has the Government Advocate to say in this matter?

Mr. T. S. Narayana Ayyar.—It is open to the chairman to resign the chairmanship also. It does not necessarily follow that, if for the time being he resigns his place, he ceases to be the chairman. Suppose he rejoins duty. Then the whole thing may revive. He is not appointed to the place as the Government Advocate. Mr. A. Sankara Menon Esquire, B. A. & B. L. is appointed as Chairman. He must report to the Diwan as per Standing Order 34(5) to appoint a Member and then another shall become the Chairman of the Committee. Even if he is appointed a member of the Committee, he does not *ipso facto* come the chairman of the Committee. The President of the Council will have to appoint the Chairman, because it is only the President who can exercise this power. The Diwan cannot appoint him. From a reading of Standing Orders 33(3) and 34(5) it seems to me that a motion has to be made.

President.—Under 34(6) the relevant portion is "The Chairman of the Committee shall have power to report to the Diwan the name of any Member of the Select Committee who neglects or is unable to attend the sittings or by death, resignation or otherwise ceases to be a Member of the Committee and the Diwan may thereupon appoint etc" The question is when the chairman of the Committee tendersh is resignation to the Diwan, does not that, under section 34(5), give power to the Diwan to appoint a fresh member to the Committee.

Mr. T. S. Narayana Ayyar.—I think so.

President.—The Diwan can appoint a member. I think that procedure may be followed

Mr. V. Achyuta Menon.—The President has to nominate a chairman.

Mr. A. B. Salem.—I think the President can act as President even outside the Council.

President.—Yes.

Nambudiri Reform Bill.

A similar motion standing in the name of Mrs. G. Pavitran was not moved. Hence the following motion was considered withdrawn.

Mrs. G. Pavitran.—'*The President may appoint a Chairman to the Select Committee appointed to consider the Nambudiri Reform Bill.*'

Cochin Small Holdings Bill.

President.—Mr. C A. Kunjunny Raja will move for leave to introduce the Cochin Small Holdings Bill.

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